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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —  
Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, Alabama**

Dear Ms. Brown:

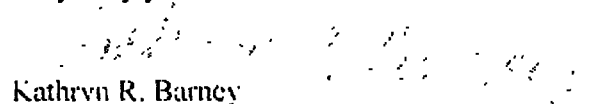
Reference is made to the letter, dated September 7, 2011 (and received by the Board on September 9, 2011), from Mayor Jim Lowery, on behalf of City of Fultondale (the "City") to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City. Therefore, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until March 9, 2012) to continue negotiations with the City.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the NITU negotiation period until March 9, 2012, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to May 8, 2012, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

  
Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Jim Lowery